Digital On-Premises Sign Ordinance Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Cliff Morton Development and Business Services Center 1901 S. Alamo Training Room A

Monday, January 25, 2010

Meeting Notes

Committee Members:
Teri Bilby
Bill Bourne
Art Downey
Larry Gottsman
Barbara Hall
Joel Heine
Steve Richmond
Chuck Saxer
Pete Sitterle

Attendees: Mike DeNuccio Frank Burney Ruben Lizalde

1. Introductions

Lydell Toye

- Staff and committee members introduced themselves
- Thank you for sign tour

2. Presentation by Andrew Spurgin (please see attached presentation)

3. Committee Discussion on Brightness, Animation, Sign Area, Height, Spacing, Hours of Operation

- A committee member asked about the possibility to regulate brightness within current code. City Attorney said we cannot regulate brightness under current code.
- Brightness: Committee members agree brightness is an issue. There was agreement among committee to limit brightness to 0.3 foot-candle. Committee would like digital signs to utilize photocells. Committee discussed the possibility of retrofitting old signs with photocells.
- Animation: Most of the committee members agree that animation is an issue and needs to be discussed further.
- Sign Area: Committee member mentioned that the cost of a digital sign limits the sign area. Current code allows up to 375 square feet. Most of the committee members agree that sign area is not a major issue.
- Height: Committee members agree to one double-faced digital sign per pole. Height was not a major issue for the committee members.

- Spacing: Committee members agree spacing for a residential area is an issue. A
 committee member suggested that digital signs next to residential areas be dimmed.
 Spacing issue needs to be discussed further.
- Hours of Operation: A committee member suggested a digital sign should be tied to business hours. Another committee member suggested a digital sign be turned on 30 minutes before start of business and shut off 30 minutes after close of business. Hours of Operation issue needs to be discussed further.

Next Steps

- Staff will put together a list of digital signs that have received complaints
- Staff will draft ordinance recommendations to include recent suggestions and email to committee before next meeting
- Staff will post the results of sign tour on its website
- The committee agreed to meet next on February 11, 2010 at 3 p.m.